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Saturday, 12th March, 1955

Plymouth Argyle Reserves v. Reading Reserves

Football Combination League, Division 2

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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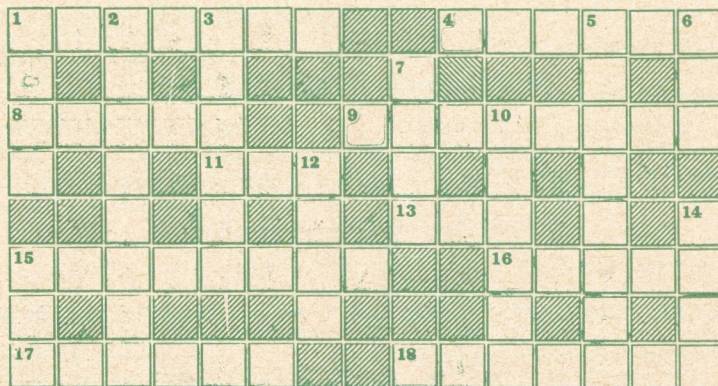
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Clues. Across.

1. Gunners at Highbury (7).
4. Player racing with the ball (6).
8. Result may be in until final whistle (5).
9. Leave the ground after the game (8).
11. Signing fluid (3).
13. One for a hat trick (3).
15. Became less severe (8).
16. Pile on the pressure (5).
17. When chances are they don't always come again (6).
18. Bluffed (7).

Down.

1. Comes to his assistance (4).
2. Trips himself (8).
3. We're a of footballers (6).
5. Preston (5, 3).
6. Regret (3).
7. Lean over (4).
10. Player must not strike or ball with hand (6).
12. Goalie's business to (4).
14. Accustomed (4).
15. Uproar (3).

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which Cup ties may be replayed by floodlight next season?
2. Who hasn't had a home win since October: Hull, Leicester or Derby?
3. Who was the last League club to lose at home (last Saturday)?
4. Who is the world featherweight champion?
5. Which manager went from Wrexham to Bradford City?
6. Which 1st Division team lost at home last Saturday after the pitch had been cleared by bulldozers and dumpers?
7. Who beat the English Rugby team at Twickenham last week for the 2nd time in 49 years?
8. Which team last Saturday played its 10th match in 28 days?
9. Which British champion beat Dante Bini last week?
10. What team does Mr. McCandless manage?
11. In what counties are Colchester, Headington and Nelson?
12. Which county cricket club's annual report says, "our batting was poor, the fielding slow and unsafe?"

NORTHERN SECTION v. SOUTHERN SECTION—A MATCH WITH POSSIBILITIES

By Dennis M. Frances

March 16th, 1955. That is a significant date in the soccer calendar for two reasons.

Firstly, this is the last day for unrestricted transfers; after that date, a club signing a player is not normally allowed to include him in their side if championship honours, promotion or relegation or re-election struggles are involved.

However, this season, March 16th has another important attachment to it; a floodlight match is to be played at Reading between two teams representing on the one hand the pick of the Third Division (North) and the other from Third Division (South). This is the first time in history that the two leagues have opposed each other thus.

It follows, therefore, that there might be more than just a passing coincidence in the fact that many representatives from Second Division and First Division clubs will be attending this match because the players taking part are virtually in the "shop window" and there might be a transfer rush before the midnight deadline on the 16th!

With so little time left after the end of the match (approximately 9.15 p.m.) before the close of unrestricted transfers at midnight it could easily be that the large number of interested clubs present will conduct some fast and furious bidding in competition with one another.

One or two of the Third Division Clubs will, of course, not be very interested in parting with their players "on show," particularly if there is still the remotest chance of honours coming their way this season. But, the majority of Clubs (and this particularly applies to the Third North) will be more than anxious to do business to ease the burden of the summer wage bill.

Gates in the Northern Section have, for the most part, been very disappointing for the clubs concerned and, if they see a chance of cashing in on one of their "star" players, who could blame them?

Two Southern Section sides who certainly have "stars" in whom many clubs have reported interests are Coventry City and Bristol City; Coventry are said to have refused offers of up to £25,000 for 'keeper Reg Matthews who has played this season for the England "B" side. Whilst Bristol's John Atyeo has long been subjected to more than passing interest by any number of First Division sides.

In the Northern Section, Accrington have refused large bids for centre half Ryden whilst Kaye of Barnsley has also attracted a lot of attention and the same can be said of the Hartlepoons full back Cameron.

There is talent in abundance—this season perhaps more than in any other—in the two Sections of the Third Division and the fact that England's Selectors have cast their eyes already this season on Atyeo and Matthews is indicative of their confidence in the possibilities of the Sections.

Only one club from each Section can hope to gain promotion to the Second Division and by the time March 16th comes around there is more than an outside chance that the favourites from each Section will have forged ahead. So it is obvious that those other clubs in the Sections who know their chances of getting promotion this season have faded might not be unwilling to come to terms with richer neighbours for the transfer of promising players.

Yes, March 16th, 1955, is a very interesting date to note and, with the game between the Sections falling as it does on the last day of un-restricted transfers, could mean a very busy one for the movement of players from the lesser lights of football to more fashionable spheres.

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	Tilley (4)	Langman, P. (5)	McJarrow (6)	
Davies (7)	Willis (8)	Davis (9)	Rowley (10)	Anderson (11)
Any team changes will be  announced by loudspeaker				
Cullen (11)	Cummins (10)	Morton (9)	Turner (8)	Davies (7)
	Shanks (6)	Owen (5)	Pemberton (4)	
	Aherne (3)		Dunne (2)	
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League Tables, Appearances and Goal Scorers

Football League Division Two										Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts						
Blackburn	31	19	3	9	98	60	41						
Luton	29	17	5	7	64	36	39						
Leeds	31	16	5	10	49	45	37						
Rotherham	29	16	3	10	65	51	35						
Stoke	28	13	8	7	43	30	34						
Notts County	28	15	4	9	53	46	34						
Birmingham	27	13	6	8	54	29	32						
West Ham	29	12	8	9	57	53	32						
Swansea	29	12	7	10	61	55	31						
Fulham	28	12	6	10	58	57	30						
Middlesbro'	30	13	4	13	51	58	30						
Bristol Rovers	29	12	5	12	60	57	29						
Liverpool	28	12	5	11	60	60	29						
Bury	29	10	8	11	53	53	28						
Doncaster	29	12	3	14	44	65	27						
Hull	29	9	8	12	32	40	26						
Lincoln	29	9	7	13	52	62	25						
Nott'm Forest	28	9	5	14	35	44	23						
Port Vale	29	6	10	13	32	54	22						
Plymouth	31	7	7	17	44	6	21						
Derby	31	6	8	17	42	58	20						
Ipswich	29	6	3	20	44	72	15						

League Appearances			
Ratcliffe	30	Tilley	29
Robertson	26	Porteous	25
Anderson	23	Shortt	22
Dews	18	Dougall	17
Langman, N.	17	McShane	16
Morgan	15	Davies	15
Thomas	12	McCrory	10
Davis	10	Major	9
McJarrow	9	Jones	8
Crawford	7	Tadman	7
Willis	6	Langman, P.	4
Edds	3	Rowley	2
Baker	1		

Goal Scorers			
Porteous	7	Anderson	7
Davies	6	Dews	5
Langman, N.	5	Davis	4
Thomas	2	Ratcliffe	2
Crawford	1	Tadman	1
McShane	1	Dougall	1
Rowley	1	O.G.	1

Football Combination Division Two										Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts						
Bristol Rovers	18	13	1	4	48	27	27						
Swansea	17	11	3	3	43	21	25						
Leyton Orient	20	10	5	5	44	36	25						
Southampton	17	10	4	3	34	19	24						
Plymouth	18	9	4	5	31	24	22						
Reading	19	9	4	6	39	31	22						
Southend	17	9	2	6	31	32	20						
Aldershot	18	6	7	5	29	28	19						
Swindon	18	8	1	9	30	34	17						
Fulham	18	7	2	9	36	38	16						
Brentford	19	6	4	9	33	40	16						
Ipswich	17	6	2	9	31	32	14						
Northampton	17	6	1	10	30	34	13						
Watford	19	3	5	11	27	45	11						
Q. P. Rangers	19	3	3	13	25	52	9						
Crystal Palace	17	4	0	13	29	47	8						

League Appearances			
Crawford	14	Edds	14
Langman, P.	13	McArthur	13
Hamilton	11	Morgan	11
McShane	10	Jones	9
McCrory	9	Dyer	9
McJarrow	8	Davis	8
Porteous	7	John	6
Tadman	6	Thomas	6
Shortt, Wyatt and Mitchell, 4 each.			
Baker, Willis and Langman, N., 3 each.			
Park, Pollard, Dougall, Ratcliffe, Tilley,			
Chisholm and Robertson, 2 each.			
Triggs, Jasper, Lawton, Major, Bell,			
Shorthouse, Davies, Dews and Anderson,			
1 each.			

Goal Scorers			
Davis	6	Tadman	6
Crawford	5	McCrory	4
Edds	4	Thomas	2
McShane	2	Hamilton	1
Anderson	1		

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FIXTURES

1954-55

1954 SECOND DIVISION										F A			
Aug.	21—Middlesbro'	H	2	2									
"	23—Liverpool	H	1	0									
"	28—Port Vale	A	0	1									
Sept.	1—Liverpool	A	3	3									
"	4—Doncaster	H	1	2									
"	9—Notts County	A	0	2									
"	11—Derby County	A	2	2									
"	15—Notts County	H	1	3									
"	18—West Ham	H	1	1									
"	25—Blackburn	A	2	2									
Oct.	2—Fulham	H	3	2									
"	9—Hull City	H	1	2									
"	16—Luton Town	A	1	3									
"	23—Notts Forest	H	1	2									
"	30—Leeds United	A	2	3									
Nov.	6—Bury	H	2	4									
"	13—Lincoln City	A	2	3									
"	20—(1) B'ham	H	1	0									
"	27—Ipswich Town	A	1	2									
Dec.	4—Rotherham	H	2	1									
"	11—(2) Stoke	A	1	3									
"	18—Middlesbro'	A	1	4									
"	25—Swansea Town	H	2	2									
"	27—Swansea Town	A	2	4									
Jan.	1—Port Vale	H	0	0									
"	8—(3) Newcastle	H	0	1									
"	15—Doncaster	A	2	3									
"	22—Derby County	H	1	0									
"	29—(4)												
Feb.	5—West Ham	A	1	6									
"	12—Blackburn	H	0	2									
"	19—(5) Fulham	A	3	2									
"	26—Hull City	A	2	0									
Mar.	5—Luton Town	H											
"	12—(6) Notts F.	A											
"	19—Leeds United	H											
"	26—Bury	A											
Apr.	2—Lincoln City	H											
"	8—Bristol Rovers	A											
"	9—Birmingham	A											
"	11—Bristol Rovers	H											
"	16—Ipswich Town	H											
"	23—Rotherham	A											
"	30—Stoke City	H											
May	7—(—)												

1954 COMBINATION CUP							F	A
Aug.	21—Bournemouth	A	0	4				
"	25—Swindon Town	A	1	2				
"	28—Bournemouth	H	5	0				
"	30—Swindon Town	H	0	0				
Sept.	4—Bristol City	A	0	3				
"	6—Cardiff City	H	2	1				
"	11—Bristol City	H	0	1				
"	15—Cardiff City	A	1	1				
"	20—Southampton	H	0	0				
"	25—Southampton	A	0	1				
"	27—Bristol Rovers	H	3	0				
Oct.	2—Swansea Town	A	1	3				
"	4—Bristol Rovers	A	2	2				
"	11—Swansea Town	H	2	1				
LEAGUE								
Oct.	16—Q.P.R. ...	A	2	0				
"	30—Bristol Rovers	H	1	2				
Nov.	6—Reading ...	A	0	3				
"	13—Fulham ...	A	3	1				
"	20—Southend ...	A	1	2				
"	27—Leyton Orient	H	2	1				
Dec.	11—Ipswich Town	H	4	2				
"	18—Crystal Palace	H	3	2				
"	25—Southampton	A	—	F				
"	27—Swansea Town	H	6	4				
Jan.	1—Aldershot ...	A	1	1				
"	8—Northampton	H	—	F				
"	15—Watford ...	H	2	0				
"	22—Swindon Town	A	0	3				
"	29—Northampton	A	0	3				
"	29—Southend ...	H	2	0				
Feb.	5—Swindon Town	H	4	0				
"	12—Watford ...	A	0	0				
"	19—Fulham ...	H	0	0				
"	26—Southampton	H	0	0				
Mar.	5—Brentford ...	A						
"	12—Reading ...	H						
"	26—Crystal Palace	A						
Apr.	2—Leyton Orient	A						
"	8—Aldershot ...	H						
"	9—Brentford ...	H						
"	11—Bristol Rovers	A						
"	23—Swansea Town	A						
"	30—Ipswich Town	A						
Undated	Q.P.R. ...	A						

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CLUB NOTES

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We are naturally very elated at Plymouth Argyle's success in the last two away matches. The inspiration of Manager Jack Rowley has had a revitalising effect on the team and the fortunes of Plymouth Argyle, and not least of all—upon the supporters in general. The gloom that has been hanging over us is gradually lifting but a word of warning is necessary lest any air of complacency should envelop us. The effect of these victories can be felt everywhere and yet we know full well the fickleness of the average supporters—you all know the individual who thrives on success and cannot accept failure—loyalty is an unknown factor and yet there has not been found an answer to those who see fit to stay away and withdraw their support until something is done—that is the point "something is done"—never anything "done to do something." We of the Supporters Club do pride ourselves on loyalty and sincerely trust that all supporters whether members of the club or not will endeavour to support by all means possible the efforts that Plymouth Argyle are putting forth at this vital stage in their career. It has been said that the new manager will get a tremendous reception today—he deserves it and it is up to us all to see that he gets it. The whole team deserves every ounce of encouragement we can give and don't forget the other chap alongside of you—get him to cheer by giving him a lead—keep it up right through the match and **UP ARGYLE**.

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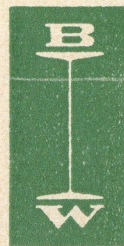
SPORTS QUIZ — ANSWERS

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 1st & 2nd rounds | 7. France |
| 2. Hull | 8. Doncaster |
| 3. Leyton O. | 9. P. Keenan |
| 4. Sandy Saddler | 10. Swansea |
| 5. Mr. P. Jackson | 11. Essex, Oxford, Lancs. |
| 6. Newcastle | 12. Essex |

SOCCERWORDS — ANSWERS

Solutions. Across.—1, Arsenal; 4, runner; 8, doubt; 9, disperse; 11, ink; 13, two; 15, relented; 16, press; 17, wasted; 18, deluded.

Down.—1, aids; 2, stumbles; 3, nation; 5, North End; 6, rue; 7, list; 10, propel; 12, keep; 14, used; 15, row.



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